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at least one light source for emitting light into said at least one light tube, whereby said at least one light tube directs a first portion of said light directly and uniformly over a stepping surface of the running board, said light tube directing a second portion of said light directly and uniformly over a ground surface below the vehicle.

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5. The lighting assembly according to Claim 1 wherein an end of said at least one light tube is bent downward with respect to the vehicle for directing said second portion of said light directly and uniformly over [a] said ground surface below the vehicle.

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~~6.7.~~ The lighting assembly according to Claim 1 wherein said at least one light source includes an incandescent [bulbs] bulb.

~~7.~~ The lighting assembly according to Claim 1 wherein said at least one light source includes a halogen [bulbs] bulb.

~~8.~~ The lighting assembly according to Claim 1 wherein said at least one light source include a light emitting [diodes] diode (LED).

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~~12.13.~~ A running board lighting assembly for a vehicle, comprising:
a running board;
at least one light tube extending along at least a portion of said running board; and
at least one light source for emitting light into said at least one light tube, whereby said at least one light tube directs a first portion of said light directly and uniformly over a stepping